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SUBJECT: PRC PRESSURE ON GRC PRESENCE IN NICOSIA

1. FOREIGN MINISTER HAS MENTIONED TO DCM THAT PRC EMBASSY IS PUTTING PRESSURE ON FOREIGN MINISTRY TO GET RID OF TAIWAN TRADE MISSION HERE. HE ASKED DCM'S VIEW AS TO HOW HARD CHINESE COMMUNISTS WOULD BE LIKELY TO PUSH THIS ISSUE.
2. DCM REPLIED THAT FROM PERSONAL MEMORY HE KNEW THERE WERE A NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH GRC WAS MAINTAINING UNOFFICIAL REPRESENTATION DESPITE PRESENCE OF PRC EMBASSY, AND THAT PRC GENERALLY HAD AVOIDED PUSHING ISSUE TO AN EXPLICIT TEST WHENEVER THEY THOUGHT HOST GOVERNMENT WOULD STAND FIRM. HE NOTED THAT DURING WAVE OF RECOGNITIONS TWO YEARS AGO, PRC HAD ACCEPTED COMPROMISE FORMULAE CONCERNING STATUS OF TAIWAN WHENEVER IT BELIEVED SUCH COMPROMISE NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE RECOGNITION.
3. FOREIGN MINISTER ASKED IF WE COULD PROVIDE LIST OF CAPITALS IN WHICH UNOFFICIAL GRC REP REMAINED DESPITE OFFICIAL PRC PRESENCE.
4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE UP TO DATE LIST OF STATUS OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OF PRC AND GRC, INCLUDING GRC UNOFFICIAL REPS. ASSUME MOST RECENT

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INR TABULATION WOULD PROBABLY FILL OUR REQUIREMENTS,
BUT NOT AVAILABLE HERE. DOES DEPT SEE ANY PROBLEM
OUR PASSING THIS TABULATION TO GOC?

5. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GUIDANCE AS TO HOW
TO SHADE OUR ADVICE TO FOREIGN MINISTER WHEN WE GO
BACK TO HIM WITH CURRENT INFORMATION.
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